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In view of the deteriorating situation throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, caused by continuing and intensified Serbian aggression, the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina strongly believes that current humanitarian efforts are inadequate at best.

Despite the agreements reached at the London Conference and numerous others thereafter, that Serbian heavy artillery would be neutralized, these weapons continue to be the root cause of most civilian deaths throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. In fact, more weapons arrive daily from Serbia and Montenegro.

In view of the lack of concrete international action to directly take control of or neutralize heavy weaponry, to interdict supply lines penetrating our Republic from Serbia and Montenegro, to stop the aggression against our Republic and to end the genocide targeting our people, the arms embargo against the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be declared invalid. If this action is deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to United Nations personnel and their current mission, then the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina clearly requests that such missions be appropriately modified and that such United Nations personnel take precautionary measures and, if necessary, withdrawal.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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